



## Adult Foster Care



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**A**dult Foster Care is a comprehensive, residential service provided through the Aged and Disabled Medicaid Waiver. Individuals who receive this service reside in a home with an unrelated primary caregiver and family, as well as up to two other consumers of this service. Adult Foster Care Services may include, but are not limited to, the following: personal care, homemaker, attendant care, companionship, medication oversight, and transportation. The services are provided in a home-like environment that includes, but is not limited to, a private bedroom, semi-private bathroom, home-cooked meals, a common living area, and assistance with activities of daily living.

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## Eligibility

To receive Adult Foster Care, the individual must be participating in the Medicaid Waiver, and this service must be on an approved Individual Plan of Care. Eligibility depends on meeting the following requirements:

- ▼ Eighteen years of age or older;
- ▼ Must meet financial guidelines for Medicaid;
- ▼ Nursing Facility level of care; and
- ▼ Have a Level of Service rating of 1, 2, or 3

## Eligibility Determination

There are 16 Area Agencies on Aging across the State of Indiana. Individuals seeking Adult Foster Care Services should contact the local Area Agency on Aging to complete a Medicaid Waiver application. Additionally, a case manager at the Area Agency on Aging will complete an assessment to determine eligibility as well as the level of service needed by the individual. Case managers will work with the individual, family, physician, and other health professionals to make sure that the individual is receiving services that meet his or her needs through the development of an Individual Plan of Care.

## Level of Service

The individual's Medicaid Waiver case manager must evaluate the individual's level of service to determine the level of assistance he or she will require. This is completed with a Level of Service Assessment Tool specific to the Adult Foster Care service, and yields a point rating that categorizes the level of service needs as 1, 2, or 3. If the level of service is rated at more than a Level 3 the individ-

ual is considered to have more needs than can be provided through this setting. This person is determined to be ineligible for this particular service.

A Level of Service Assessment must be completed a minimum of once per year. This rating will determine the rate at which the Provider of the service is paid through Medicaid.

## Becoming a Provider

To become an Adult Foster Care provider you must contact the Division of Aging to receive a Medicaid Waiver Application Packet. This packet explains the documentation required in order to become a provider. In addition to submitting the application packet the following documentation must be provided:

- ▼ proof of age; must be 21 years of age or older;
- ▼ proof of First Aid/CPR certification;
- ▼ must have an annual physical;
- ▼ must be free of TB or communicable diseases; and
- ▼ must pass a criminal background check;
- ▼ an inspection of the facility will be completed by the Division of Aging or its designee.

## Resources:

- ▼ [LTCOPTIONS.in.gov](http://LTCOPTIONS.in.gov)
- ▼ To locate your local Area Agency on Aging contact: 1-800-986-3505 or [www.in.gov/fssa/elderly/aaa/index.html](http://www.in.gov/fssa/elderly/aaa/index.html).
- ▼ For additional information contact the FSSA Division of Aging at 1-800-545-7763.

